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Tablet- Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church--- 1807---1907.

This Tablet is erected by the

Presbytery of Mississippi to commerate the 100th anniversay of

Presbyterianism in the Southwestm which has arisen from the organiza-

tion of Pine Ridge Church, formerly Salem, originally Washington.

by

Evangelist James Smylie February 25, 1807.

Original Members

John Bolls John Grafton James McKnight JOHN BISLAND
Thomas Grafton Samuel Marshall Henry Cassells Darius Anderson
Alexander Armstrong John Grffin John Henderson Alexander Bisland
Alexander Callender Mary McEwin Jennet Grafton Margaret McKnight
Violet Cassels Elizabeth Grafton Martha Bolls Hepa Cassels
SUSANNAH BISLAND Margaret Marshall

Pastors installed:

Abraham Hagerman April ' 31 to January 1836
A.L. Stanton Dec ' 39 April 1841
Letter states church organized December 29, 1800

The above tablet is to be seen in the sanctuary of the church. J.F.S.

Country Church Department
Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, D.D., Director

Presbyterian Bldg., Box 1176 Richmond, Virginia.

The Oldest Living Church in the Southwest, by Henry W. McLaughlin, D.D., Director of Country Church Work, as noted in the Presbyterian Survey, October, 1931.

From files in Library of Jean Fairly Sarrazin (Mrs. Chas. L.)

It was my privilege a few days ago to visit Pine Ridge Church in Adams County, Mississippi. It was organized in 1807. Other country churches in that area preceded it, but they were dissolved or absorbed. Pine Ridge , whose building is displayed as the frontpiece of this magazine, is the oldest living Presbyterian organization in the Southwest.

Dr. Cornelius W. Grafton, for fifty-eight years pastor of Union Church, Mississippi, writes as follows about Pine Ridge:

" It bore rich fruit in the earlier years and it is still bearning blessed harvest of precious grain. Men and women and boys and girls have gone away from the old church to seek their fortunes elsewhere, but there, on its beautiful site, it still stands, a monument, calling every passer by, to listen and attend. Silent and alone it stands during the week days delivering its testimony. And on the Sabbath days the people come.

" They have had three church buildings. The first one called Salem, was at Washington, which was at that time the Capitol of Mississippi. Some years after that they moved across the creek and located in the present time honored spot, where they built a second beautiful church. This church was built of the finest material the woods can afford, and there is no telling how long it would have stood, but a wild tornado in 1908 swept it away, root and branch. The raging wind carried some of its material for miles, but when the storm lulled and the people came to survey the mass of ruins, there was but one thought that animated them; that was, the church must be rebuilt. They could not afford to leave this blessed spot. The sainte dead of the ancient fathers lay right around the church, and there were the grand old live oaks; out on the ground the older people had played when they were little children, and so they went to work, and in a comparatively short time, the third church building reared its head in the midst of histori surroundings and there it stands to-day, still bearing its witness."

Tradition says when the tornado scattered the old church all over the country, it was found that the pulpit was left standing in its place, the Bible and a glass of water on it undisturbed.

The church as it stands to-day, is one of the most beautiful churche in the South, surrounded by great live oaks festooned with Southern moss. I preached one Sunday morning to an intelligent and cultured congregation. The building has recently been beautified and put in perfect order through the generosity of Mr. Presley Bisland and his family of New York.

Mr. Bisland has set an example which may well be emulated by others whose fathers and mothers worshipped in country churches, and from which, they, themselves, received the impressions and instructions in their childhood years which have been some of the main contributory factors to their success in leaders in the great cities.

While Pine Ridge is the oldest living church in the Southwest, it is one of the most progressive country churches in Mississippi, due to the quality of its local leadership.

Dr. C.W. Grafton, in speaking further of Pine Ridge Church, describes its early and later history, by setting down the following points, which show, among other things, the fine Christian men and women who constituted its earlier membership, toward the Negro poeple.

" First. It has never admitted to its pulpit new and strange teachings of men. The duties and doctrines set forth in the Word of God have been most carefully guarded.

" Second. It has most strictly retained the order and simplicity of primitive apostolic worship, ever laying more stress on the spirit and truth than mere outward forms and ceremonies.

" Third. It has always afforded a competant and comfortable support to its pastors, and never allowed any one to leave with salary unpaid or with any other feeling than those of tender and grateful affection.

" Fourth It has contributed regularly to all the Presbyterian causes and to all the various objects of Christian benevolencewhich are presented from time to time. Some of the members have already adopted the plan of systematic benevolence, giving a certain proportion of their income.

" Fifth It paid particular attention to the instruction of the young, and also made most commendable and successful efforts to give the Bread of Life to the Negro population. Several most worthy ministers and teachers were employed to assist the pastor in this part of his charge, and nearly every plantation in the parish was supplied with intelligent preaching and catechetical instruction in addition to the religious knowledge imparted by the owners.

" Rev. William H. Williams was a very talented man and one of the most pious and faithful Pastors. Just prior to the Civil War, he said: ' I can not forbear once more imploringly to raise my voice in behalf of the sons and daughters of the Negor race, who in the mysterious providence of God, are placed in your hands for your training, your counsel and your care. Though I leave this field of labor, I feel for them, still, and as long as my life is spared, much of my strength shall be spent in their behalf. This is the work, I doubt not, that will that will tell most deeply in our interests in eternity. I believe this to be the great missionary work of our region and our times, and happy they who lend a helping hand. It affords me pleasure to know that I leave most of the servants who have been under my spiritual oversight in such favorable circumstances, and I beseech you, to whom they are specially committed, (not merely as your children for a time, but all their lives,)watch over them and train them

for the service and enjoyment of God; and to this end teach or have them taught the great doctrines and duties of Christianity! "

Is there any connection between God's blessing on Pine Ridge Church and their Christian treatment of the Negro poeple in the community ?

NOTE: A pertinent comment upon the South and the Negro situation to-day. We, of the South HAVE ALWAYS been mindful of the Negro under our care. No matter WHAT has been written and quoted otherwise, it has always been so. Every plantation wife and household head were mindful of this duty of Christian instruction and wholesome welfare. Did they not live close to them, and did not their very lives depend upon the sanctity of their relationship ? YES INDEED it did.

It seems strange to me to-day to realize the change that must come between the races here in the South. For of course LAWS can be legislated, BUT they CANNOT be FORCED. Most of the Negor race has sense enough to wish to develope their OWN race and prefers segregation. They cannot enjoy a CLOSE association with White persons and they do their own race. J.F.S.

ADAMS COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS-- Collected by the Natchez Chapter, D.A.R. on file Mississippi Department of Archives and History Jackson, Mississippi. Pages 61- 62.

Sacred to the Memory
of
Peter Bisland
B. 3-17- 1789
D. 8-31- 1829

John Bisland
son of John Bisland Sr.,
D. Nov. 2m 1814
Aged 27 years

JOHN BISLAND *
Native of Scotland
------ No dates

SUSANNAH Bisland, *
wife of
John Bisland Sr.,
No dates....

Alexander McCauley
Born Scotland
D. 9-18-1826
Emigrated to
America 1817

NOTE ref. to him
in Natchez paper
He was a nephew of
John Bisland Sr.,
J.F.S.

Jane P. Dunbar
B. 6- 1816
D. 9-26-1817
Dau of Elizabeth and James Dunbar

Susannah Hunter
Consort of Rev. Samuel Hunter
B. 2-12- 1802
D. 9-28-1825

C. Elizabeth Bisland
daughter of
JAMES and ABIGAIL BISLAND
D. 8-10-1822 at 3 years of age.

Jane P. daughter of James
and Abigail Bisland
aged 5 years.

Caroline P. Patterson
D. 12-23-1823
aged 25 years

* MARY, dau of
MOSES KING
and
WIFE OF
JAMES BISLAND
B. 1-8-1799
D. 3-12-1856

Note: We could get a Census
1850 on her! J.F.S.
Moses King is not familiar
to me among all those Kings
at Kingston he may be though
J.F.S.

Susannah Bisland
B. 8-3- 1823
D. 7-26- 1827
daughter of James and Mary
Bisland.

William Smylie
son of James and Sarah Smylie
6-11-1823
NOTE: From my Smylie history
I find this Sarah
was Sarah Bisland.
J.F.S.

FARRAR

July 9, 1866

" Jonothan Rucker stated to me that he learned from his mother, daughter of DANIEL PERRY, that the following families left Virginia in wagons and corssed over the Ohio River on their way to Natchez District of West Florida. They left the country on the south branch of the Potomac in the neighborhood of Col. Hite's wheat mill which was run by water. The families were: Christian Bingamin, Daniel Perry, Slater, Leavin, and WILLS, who was a Carolinian. They landed in Natchez in July 1769. Daniel Perry settled on Second Creek and then on Cole's Creek where he died., and was taken back to Second Creek for burial."

Then follows the story of the massacre of Alexander Farrar, his wife, infant and other children, except GEORGE, who died after he was grown at the home of Daniel Perry and, Alexander who grew to manhood, married Jane Davis,(I have the Bible record - J.F.S.) and Rhoda who married Mr. Starby and left no descendants. Alexander Farrar being the only child of this couple to leave descendants. George Farrar too, was buried on Second Creek.

NOTE the legal records from the Spanish Records found in the Volume,

Natchez Court Records- 1767-1805 Vol. II May Wilson McBee Collection.

regarding Jonothan Rucker and his father Peter Rucker from Va. J.F.S.

John Bisland, Cyndic and Attorney at Natchez 3-7- 1798 : Ref. P. 393 Natchez Court Records, 1767- 1805. Vol. II, May Wilson McBee.

3-8- Cato West sells to John Bisland, a slave named John age 14 years, a native of Virginia... Ref. P. 18 above ref.

July 19, 1786- appeared JOHN BISLAND resident of this District, who of his own free will and accord, transferred to SUSANNAH Butcher, a negor woman named"Polly," or " Maria " age 15 years to enjoy and possess, but not to sell the said negro and her children, if any, after her death to revert to her brother JOHN, Said John Bisland also gives to Susannah two cows and their calves to be hers until her brother the age of 18 years , at which time, cows and their increase to be divided. The above mentioned brother of Susannah is named ALEXANDER and not John.
Wit: George Fitzgerald
John Farquhor sg/ John Bisland.
De Grand Pre
Ref: P. 34 Vol. II, Natchez Court Records- 1767- 1805. May Wilson McBee Coll

May 15-1787 David Ross to WILLIAM BISLAND.

John and Susannah Bisland Land Claim # 489 for 850 acres 8 miles East of Fort Panmure (Fort Rosalie where " Rosalie" is situated to-day, and now owned as a State Shrine by the Mississippi D.A.R. J.F.S.) See Pilgrimage edition of the Natchez Democrat. J.F.S.) Ref: P. 395 Vol. II McBee Collection. Natchez Court Records 1767- 1805. (Land Records)

There were a lot of these claims signed by Susannah Bisland. J.F.S.

JAMES R. BISLAND, Guardian for Samuel McGehee Land 12-26- 1853. Land Transfer Conveyance. Recorded. Ref: Book 8 p. 340 History of Amite County Miss. Vol. 1, by Casey & Otkin.

Thomas G. Cowdin and wife to Annock 1-17-1855. Book 9. P. 246 Amite Co. Mississippi (This County adjoins Adams Co. and all part of West Florida at one time. J.E.S.) P. 246 Hist. of Amite Co, Miss. Vol. II.

William Bisland $ 1000.00 donation for an institution of learning
JAMES Bisland $ 500.00 " " " " " "
1-25- 1832. Ref. P. 462 Vol. II Hist. of Amite Co. Miss. Casey & Otkin
Taken from the Minutes of Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Mississippi contained in this volume along with those of all the early churches. I noted the name of Alexander Bisland several times as he was often representing his church at Pine Ridge in the Presbytery meeting at both Union Church and Ebenezer in Jefferson County, Miss. My people were communicants of Ebenezer and of Union Church also. J.F.S.

NOTE: The record above - July 19-1786 in ref: to John Bisland's transfer of property to Susannah Butcher shouldread " until her brother ATTAINS the age of eighteen" J.F.S.

Mary King- division of property- heirs of SAMUEL and Richard Swazey, Nov. 21- 1787. Natchez Court Records. P. 119, Vol. II McBee Coll. Natchez Ct.Rec.

Heirs of Richard Swazey- Natchez 9-8-1795.
" The widow Swazey whose name was Sarah King."

Sarah King	Richard Swazey
Mary King	Debora Luce
Lydia Corey	Gavriel Swaze

Gabriel Swazey as heir of Elijah Swazey. Capt. Richard King absent but representative of his father and Mother, Justus and Sarah King.

Sarah Swazey's daughters were: Lydia, Mary, Sarah and Debora, daus. of Richard Swazey...
Richard King signed for wife, Sarah (Swazey) King. Mary King also signs.
Ref. P. 208 Vol. II Natchez Ct. Rec. 1767-1805. McBee.

Land Claim # 729 No. 1. Deed- Apr, 14-1772. Capt. Amos Ogden, Sussex Co. Provence of New Jersey to Samuel and Richard Swazey Morris Co. N.J. May 13, 1767 British Government to Capt. Amos Ogden 25,000 acres in West Florida, sells 19, 000 acres to Messers Swazey. Ref. PP 421-422 Vol.II Natchez Court Records 1767-1805 May Wilson McBee Collection.

Richard, Prosper and Justus (Jospeh) King.Ref. P. 64 above ref.

William Henry King, son of Justus King, William King, son of Richard King, Land. P. 69 same ref.

Esther is wife of Richard King P. 71, same ref.

Richard King is Capt. of Militia- Natchez,3-3-1794. P. 100 same ref.

Sarah King, wife of Justus King of this Government of Natchez, Villa Cayoga Dist. to Richard King and Prosper King.Elizabeth King, Catherine King (Elizabeth md a man named Moorehouse and her sister Catherine md.Montgomery. J.F.S.)following property inherited from my deceased father, Richard Swazey.
Wit: John Stephens Oct. 6- 1796.
Cyrus Hamilton(an ancestor of our member in Chapter VI, Myrtis Courts
Biddle Bauman- Mrs. Wm H. a past president of Chapter VI. J.F.S.)

Ref. P. 125, Vol. II Natchez Court Records 1767-1805. McBee Collection.

Constant King, Rufus King, George King heirs of Jospeh King, 6-12-1807 Miss. Terr. Adams Co. Miss. undivided part of 19000 ac Mandamus Grant Ref. P. 546 McBee Coll. Vol. II Natchez Ct. Rec. 1767-;805...

Chas. King and wife Rhoda. Daus. mentioned but not named. An unsavory character apparently. P. 227 same ref.

Claim # 1895 - Warrant of survey for 400 acres from the British Government to SARAH, COLEBY, JONOTHAN, SUSANNAH, Catherine, George and William Rucker on South side of Bayou Pierre to cover the improvement made by Sarah Rucker. Pensacola 2-11-1778, by Peter Chester.
File Sarah DAVIS, formerly Sarah Rucker and other claimants., 3-21-1804. Rejected 4-27- 1807. Sarah Davis, formerly Sarah Rucker, Coleby, Jonothan, SUSANNAH, Catherine, George, and William Ruckerclaim 400 acres in Claiborne County ss sude of Bayou Pierreabove mouth of small creek called Widow's Creek, where it empties into the Mississippi River, by virtue of British Order of survey granted them as above. Sarah Davis for herself and other claimants. Ref. P. 477 Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805 May Wilson McBee Collection. Vol. II.

JONOTHAN RUCKER 28 years old and a BACHELOR, (year 1795) and a farmer. A native of Virginia, made an affidavit in reference to dispute among some residents of the Territory. Ref: P. 223, Vol. II, Natchez Ct. Rec. McBee.

Rucker Family...

The Rucker family settled in Virginia- Fairfax County it is thought. During or prior to the American Revolution some of the family went to Mississippi and settled. Peter Rucker and wife came from Prince Edward Co. Va. and settled upon River in Louisiana-(you know the Miss. River is the dividing line at Natchez and all along the two states. J.F.S.) near Natchez. Among their children were, Jonothan, Susannah, Catherine and William. Here his wife died and Peter married again (to the dau of Daniel Perry my notes say. J.F.S.) His second wife was disliked by his children and Catherine, refusing to nurse the infant of her step mother, took her brother William and left home, staying all night in the woods, where she saw the lights etc., of her father and party hunting for her. Mrs. Phillip Alston taking pity upon her took her and her brother into her home, since she knew and loved the child's mother, and was her friend. Catherine went to school with the Alston children (Note: we had a member whom I put up in Chapter VI- Mrs. Seymour, deceased-who was descended from this couple- Phillip Alston and wife through the daughter of Catherine who married John Turnbull and this had a dau. who married Lewis Sterling. They are my friends to-day. J.F.S.)These children, Catherine and William went with Mrs. Alston to the Indian Nation in 17--- when the English Colony fled from the Spanish (and her husband was sent in Irons to New Orleans and later to Cuba. J.F.S.) There they met John Turnbull, the Indian Agent, whom Catherine married at 16 years of age. They lived in East Baton Rouge Parish at " Arlington " plantation. Previously John Turnbull had married an Indian wife and has issue by her. He came to Mobile from Scotland. Note: Beautiful " Rosedown"at St. Francisville in West Feliciana Parish, near Baton Rouge is the home he built for his bride. Mrs. Seymour's papers prepared by me for C.D. on file at the Mansion and which you passed Miss Florence, has this Rucker data upon them. J.F.S.)
William Rucker, the youngest child 11 or 12 years of age was put in a store of an Englishman - a merchant- and went with him to the Bahama's where he died. Left wife and two children.
Among the children of Catherine Rucker and John Turnbull was a daughter Sarah, who married Lewis Sterling af West Baton Rouge Parish La.
Ref. Rucker Family, ..., ...
Alston Genealogy, by J. A. Groves.

PP 270- 271 History of Rucker Family by Edith Rucker Whitley.

Peter Rucker Naturalized by order of House of Burgesses Monday Apr. 24-1704. Ref. P. 6, Rucker's and Their Connections by Edith Whitley...

Peter Rucker emigrated from Germany, and was a Huguenot immigrant and settlier Ref. Huguenot Settler's by R.A. Brock...
Legislative Journals of Council of Va. Vol. 1- P. 390.
Journal House of Burgesses pp 47, 48.

Peter Rucker was here prior to 1702. Two of his sons, were here prior to the arrival of Peter Rucker, viz, John and Thomas Rucker. The wife of Peter Rucker was Elizabeth Fielding. They were married prior to arrival in America. Peter Rucker settled in Essex Co. Va. later in Spotsvania Co. Va.and cut from King and Queen 1720. Orange Co Va. cut from Spottsylvania 1734.

Will of Peter Rucker probated 2-23-1743. Issue:

1. * JOHN Rucker migrated to Va. 1700 or 1702 and married SUSANNA L. Phillips and grand daughter of* Jane Lloyd- see her will this volume.

2. Thomas came to America with John and married Elizabeth Tinsley.
3. William, married either Miss Honor or Miss Hannah. Came with father.
4. James md Margaret ----? Came with father.
5. Ephriam md Margaret Vawtve.(I saw his Rev. service Eckenrode J.F.S.)
6. Margaret md Isaac Tinsley and moved with brother William to Amelia Co. Va. 1758.
7. Ann md. Sam Cook and moved to Amelia Co. Va. with brother Wm and sister Margaret.
8. Elizabeth md Pierce or Pearce
9. Mary md Wm Offall

John and Thomas Rucker sailed from Gravesend England.
* JOHN RUCKER was a Captain in Colonial Militia, Orange Co. Va. 1740
I think I noted other services for him also. J.F.S.
Ref. Scott's Hist. of Orange Co. Va. He married Susannah Phillips in 1707, daughter of William and Susannah Lloyd Phillips.
Issue:
* Peter Born 1702-1707 md Elizabeth Terrill
2. Phoebe md James Morton, Madison Co. Va,
3. Margaret md Isaac Smith
4. Winifred " John Lee
5. Reuben " Mildred Tinsley
6. Isaac
7. Anthony " Rebecca Burgess and sol Am Rev. and sol. Col. Wars.
8. Mildren " Stephen Hamm and later md another Rucker.
9. Benjamin b. ca 1730 Orange Co. Va. md Elizabeth. He died 1810
10. Sarah " " 1731 md Alexander Marr or Mart 1760 Orange Co. Va.P. 1. Mg Rec
11. Ambrose born ca 1735 md Mary Tinsley He died 1807.

Will of Peter Rucker 1-18-1743, Orange Co. Va.
" " John " Probated 7-28-1742; Book 1, P. 248 Orange Co. Va.

Ref: Rucker Family and Their Connections. Edith Whitley.

The Rucker Family settled in Va. in what was thought to be Fairfax Co. During or prior to the American Revolution some of them came to Mississippi from Prince Edward Co. Va. and settled in Louisiana near Natchez. Among the children were:
Jonothan, Catherine, Susannah, and William. The wife of Peter Rucker died and he married the second time (to the daughter of Daniel Perry who came to Natchez in 1768/'69. from Va. J.F.S.)
William went to the Bahamas and died.
John, an agent under the Spanish rule became wealthy. Colby Rucker lived on Mississippi River near Natchez, md soon after Revolution in Wilkes Co. N.C. Sarah Roberts(no date) died in Grainger Co. Tenn. 1-20- 1852. Wife died eight years prior to his death . In 1852 the surviving children were:

Mrs. Margaret Coffee	aged 65	years
" Elizabeth "	" 67	"
William Rucker	" 63	"
Mrs. Sarah Hays	" 61	"
" Delphia Dalton	" 56	"
John Rucker	" 51	"

Ref. P. 254 Rucker Genealogy. Whitley

Colby Rucker or Colley Rucker born 10-10-1760 during the Revolution lived with Parents on Mississippi River, near Natchez. Ref. same as above. See notes on Land Warrant his sister Sarah Rucker Davis, already referred to on this Mss. J.F.S.

Martha Wills married Nov. 21, 1752. Col. Thomas Green (1723-1805)
" " Born March 31, 1734; Died 1805 Jefferson Co. Miss. at Springfield Plantation, Jefferson Co. Miss. (Not far from Adams Co. line. Col Thos. Marston Green served with Gen. George Rodgers Clark was captured by the Spanish in Miss. Terr. and sent to New Orleans in irons. He was born in James City Co. Va.
Ref: The Filson Club Publications No. 14- Louisville, 1899.
The Clay Family by Mrs. Mary Rodgers Clay Vol. 14, P. 219
Tyler's Qr.. Mag. Vol. 5- P. 136...

Parents of Col. Thomas Marston Green, were Thomas Green and Elizabeth Marston. Martha Wills was oldest daughter of Filmer Wills and Ann Harwood. Martha Wills was from Norwich City, Va.
Thomas Marston Green born Feb. 26, 1758 in Va. This Thomas Marston Green Jr He married Martha Kirkland Feb. 15, 1780.

I have this Bible record and MUCH of these families. J.F.S.

Have never heard of Moses King before. Will check and see if I can find him will send tp you immediately. I have much King data in my notes of the four River Counties taken myself. He might have been from N.J. as many of them came down when the Mandamus Grant was issued to the Swazey's. The Kings among them. " Kingston " a village in Adams County near Natchez is named for Caleb akind and his wife Sarah Swazey. They only had two children to reach maturity. Mary and Sarah. Mary King married Thomas Eaton in 1808 in Kingston. The other dau. married Daniel Farrar(son of Alexander and Jane Davis Farrar. J.F.S.)Related to me!

Adams County Mississippi Drawer 85 Case # 1799

Year 1846

William Rucker, Jonothan Rucker, Daniel Rucker, brothers and sole heirs of Peter Rucker, deceased.

vs

William Bisland, Samuel H. Lambdin and Samuel Smith
Executors of Estate of Peter Rucker, Deceased..

Ref: P. 116 - Mississippi Court Records 1799 - 1859
by Mary Flowers Hendrix

NOTE: Abstracted from the files of the High Court of Errors and Appeals for the State of Mississippi

THE WILL OF PETER RUCKER of ADAMS COUNTY, MISS.

This is the last will and testament of Peter Rucker of Adams County State of Mississippi by the grace and blessing of God in sound mind made on Sunday the seventeenth day of November A.D. 1844.

1. I request that all my debts to whomsoever due to be paid in full.

2. I wish a good substantial brick wall to be built around the grave yard.

3. I bequeath to John Rucker Bisland my watch - to Wm A. Bisland my book case, to Hudsell S. Truly my riding horse.

4. I wish my executors to pay the necessary expenses of supporting my cousin Sarah A. Truly until my estate is able to purchase a girl and boy negro slaves to wait on her and after that should she live and wish my executors to purchase and give her six young negroes whenever my estate is able so to do - I wish the property which I bequeath and bestow on Sarah A. Truly to be given and secured to herself and her bodily heirs should she marry and at her death should she have no issue - it is to go to her brothers and sisters.

5. After the death of my brother Jonothan and as soon as the debts of my estate are paid - I wish my executors to give my negro servants Arch, Tom, Betsy, and David Jr., and any other issue of Betsy to be given with the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in cash to Daniel Smith or in the event of his death to Mrs. Martha Truly or if she be dead to Samuel H. Lambdin or if he be dead to John Rucker Bisland.

6. I request that any land and negores and stock may be kept to-gether until the death of my brothers Daniel, William and Jonothan (excepting the servants before named) and all my debts being paid off- then

1842 Adams County Mississippi Drawer 88 Case # 2398

Catherine W. Bisland

vs

James Bisland

Divorce petition
Married: April 21, 1836 in Adams County, Mississippi

1843 Adams County Mississippi Drawer 73 Case # 416

Re: William Bisland, Trustee for infants of his brother, James Bisland, Deceased. James Bisland died April 4, 1835 leaving children: Martha Jane, Douglas S., Thomas A., SUSANNAH E., and Mary L. Bisland.
Petition to distribute trust fund to heirs.

Ref: P. 57 Mississippi Court Records 1799 - 1859 Hendrix

1848 Adams County Mississippi Drawer 85 Case # 1799

William Rucker, Jonothan Rucker, Daniel Rucker, brothers of Peter Rucker(and sole heris) of Peter Rucker Deceased.

vs

William Bisland, Samuel H. Lambdin and Daniel Smith, Execs. Estate of Peter Rucker Deceased.

Ref: P. 116 Mississippi Court Records 1799- 1859 Hendrix

1827 Jefferson County Mississippi Drawer 77 Case # 706

Henry King and Susannah King Exec. and Exex. Est of Propser King

vs

Elizabeth Chaney, relict of Bailey E. Chaney..

Note: I put this for what it may lead to. Bailey Chaney was of Franklin County adjoining Jefferson and Adams. He was a preacher and is said to have preached the first sermon UNDER the flag after the Spanish regime was ended in Miss. He and his brother William Chaney, came from South Carolina as did the Witherspoons into which family there was inter marriage. Jean Fairly Sarrazin...

You will also note that the Cowdins were found all through the four " river Counties " of Adams, Jefferson, Claiborne and while this does not show them in Warren, I know they are in Warren as of to-day. J.F.S.

I wish ten of my negroes to be given to John Rucker Bisland so divided as not to intefere with the family connections of the negroes and the balance of my property to be divided between Sarah A. Truly and Mrs. Martha Truly.

7. In the event of Sarah A. Truly dying before the purchase of the negores for her- then the executors will purchase for the bequest of John R. Bisland ten young negroes in place and stead of dividing the family negroes as above specified.

8. My brothers, Daniel, William and Jonothan are to receive a good and sufficient support from my estate as long as they live.

9. I hereby appoint (and desire them to act) William Bisland, Daniel Smith, and Samuel H. Lambdin my Executors to carry out the provisions of my will above expressed.

Witness my hand and seal this seventeenth day of November A.D. 1844.

s/ Peter Rucker

Witnessed amd sealed in presence of

John H. Collier
Samuel H. Lambdin
Daniel Smith

Ref: P. 342-343 Mississippi Court Records 1799- 1859. Hendrix

1836 Jefferson County Mississippi Drawer 74 Case # 473

John James Cowden

vs

Ann H. Cowden, widow of James Cowden, Thos. L. Dobyns and wife, Columbia E. Dobyns

John James Cowden was son and only child of James Cowden, Deceased. James Cowden married Mrs. Ann H. Stanard, relicit of Dr. Hugh Stanard, on Dec. 9, 1824. Mrs. Cowden had one child of her marriage to Josiah Simpson, Columbia E. Simpson, wife of Thos. L. Dobyns.
See Will of Obediah Jones.

Ref: P. 62 Mississippi Court Records 1799- 1859. Hendrix

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1831 Adams County Mississippi Drawer 80 Case # 998

James Cowden and Sarah Calvit, Exec. and Exex. Estate of Samuel Calvit, Decease.

vs

Wm F. Markham, Peter C. Goosey and Christopher Dart.

Ref: P. 94 Mississippi Court Records 1799- 1859 Hendrix.

1814 Jefferson County Mississippi... May 28, 1814
James Cowden witness to will of Jacob Cable, Jr.,

Ref. P. 271 Mississippi Court Records 1799-1859 Hendrix

1850 Claiborne County Mississippi Drawer 99 Case # 6025

Henry G.J. Powers and wife Martha Louise Powers

vs

Sarah Calvit, Exec. Est. John Calvit, Dec'd and John Cowden, Admr. Est. Jospeh Calvit, Dec'd.

Maria Louise Powers, born July 26, 1814, was daughter of Jospeh Calvit..

Ref: P. 206 Mississippi Court Records 1799- 1859 Hendrix

LONG

Wm. & Mary Qr. vol. 22(1) pp 46-48-
In gen. of the Stith Family it is shown that LUNSFORD LONG and MARY LONG, wife of Col. Bassett Stith, were daughters of NICHOLAS LONG of Halifax Co. N.C. Refers to Long Bible .
Lunsford Long is said to have married Mary Coupland in 1799 (above ref.)

Swem's Indrx of Va. Gen. has several references on Nicholas Long:
6 C 362; 5 W (1) 232; 24 W(1) 45-49; more

Swem on Lunsford Long--
13 W(1) 197; 22 W (1) 46-48 (see below)
Des Cognets;76-77; St. Mark's Parish 164-179-
can look these up if more is desired on Longs. CCC

Rec. Crockett to Miss van Renselaer, Apr.15, 1954

BRADFORD - Jones - Polk -

Register of North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America

(1939)

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56 * Mrs. James C. Bradford (Sarah Polk Jones) 1896
1208 Demonbreun St. Nashville, Tenn.
By right of descent from Robert Jones
Allen Jones Thomas Polk Philemon Hawkins I
Nicholas Long John Donelson

Mrs. Bradford's sister, is put in the Register as Mrs. Thomas Shepard Welles- an error- confused by with another Polk descent- but Miss Rebecca's line is correct- and as follows:

58 Mrs. Thomas Shepard Welles (Rebecca Edwards Jones) 1896
Nashville, Tenn.
By right of descent from ~~Robin Jones~~
Robin Jones
Allen Jones Thomas Polk Philemon Hawkins, I
Nicholas Long John Donelson.

Jones — Prefer —

23 W(1) 262 - Jemima Jones b. 1711 6 July 1728
from a gen. of some of the desc. of Mr Robert Jones of Potts
Bay, Northumberland Co. by Mrs W. O. Keeler, Wichita Kans.
Jan. 1915

I

Robert Jones, wife Martha (Josiah, Mr Nace) dau. Col)
Will 1676 d-1676- d 1677 (Will Dec.)

II

Benson- Mr Jones - (In 1682 called "Captain" p 200)
about 60 when d. In 1697 was High Sheriff -)
2d wife Margaret (1700 deed) Richard. Est - p 261

III

~~1704~~ from Jones[3] Jr. m. ca 1703 Sarah Lee, d. Chas[2] Lee (Robert[1])
1710 " " declined Adm. estate of parents

IV

1. Eliz. b. 1707 m. Rev John Pratt, 2. Chas b. 1710, 3. Jemima b 7-26-1720
4 William, 5 Sarah.

Just throwing this in —
Please glimpse & destroy —

Provide for Jones —

BISLAND MARRIAGES
(From Microfilmed Marriage License records inArchives)

Peter Bisland and Barbara Foster, Jan.14,1808 Book 1 pg.60 Adams Co.Miss

James Bisland and Mary King March 8,1821 Bk.A pg 27 Adams Co.Miss.

James Bisland and Catherine Gates April 21,1836 Bk 6 Pg 72 Adams Co.Miss

James R.Bisland and Frances W.Fauntercy May 13,1841 Adams Co.Miss.

James R.Bisland and Mary Jane Mathewson April 16,1839-no return Adams Co.

Douglas S.Bisland and Anna E.Dunbar Oct.7,1869 Adams Co.Miss.

NEWSPAPER MARRIAGE NOTICES
(Archives)

Elizabeth Bisland and James Dunbar 2-25-1808,Miss.Messenger

Susan Bisland and Rev.Samuel Hunter May 11,1824 by Rev.William Montgomery. Miss Messenger.

FROM MISS GRAND LODGE(MASONIC) BOOK

Moses King was member of Lodge 11 in Franklin Co.Miss in 1825.

Moses King is listed in the 1816 Census of Franklin Co.Miss.

FROM ADAMS CO. CEMETERY RECORDS IN ARCHIVES

BISLAND CEMETERY

Peter Bisland born March 17,1789 died August 31,1829

John Bisland,son of John Sr. who departed this life Nov.2,1814,aged 27

Sacred to the membry of John Bisland, native of Scotland who departed this life---

Sacred to the memory of Susannah, wife of John Bisland who departed this life---

Sacred to the memory of Susannah Hunter, consort of Rev.Samuel Hunter who was born Feb.12,1802 and departed this life Sept.28,1825.

In Memory of C.Elizabeth Bisland, dau. of James and Abigail Bisland who departed this life on the 10th day of Aug.1822.

Bisland cemetery records continued:

Sacred to the memory of Susannah Bisland, dau. of James and Mary Bisland born August 3,1823, died July 26,1827

(The Bisland Cemetery is located about three miles from the Presbyterian church at Pine Ridge,Adams Co.Miss. and is 1/2 mile off the road on the right side, going from Selma to Pine Ridge.)

Somewhere in the records at the Archives I found where Mary King was the dau. of Moses King-but I seem to have failed to make a note of it.

JEMIMA JONES: Found little. Nothing identifying. Madison Co. cut from Culpeper, 1793- she m. 1750. Failed to look St. Mark's Par.

2815 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, Tenn.
Apr. 30, 1954

Miss Florence van Renselaer
149 E. 73d St.
New York 21 N.Y.

Dear Miss van Renselaer:

I hope some of thedata I am sending will be useful to you. I have underlined in red the items where my findings differed from your previous information. Have tried to quote references, so you may evaluate.

You will see from Mr. Bradford's (I just speak of Lady Leg's father as "Mr." because I knew him) obituary, 1914, that Mrs. Bradford survived him.

Her tombstone and our Colonial Dames Record give her death year 1938.

The Tombstone of Mr. Bradford's father gives his name as Thomas Hopkins, though Mr. B(s son was Thomas Henry.

J.C.B II is gone till June on vacation, but believe everything he could give me is at Mt. Olivet (see enc.)

There is a record there of other older Bradfords, but found no markers, and believe, if they were Mr.B's ancestors, he would have marked them.

William Eastin's stone at the Hermitage Pres. Ch. is enclosed with the Donelsons, parents of his wife. Mary Rachel, his wife is not there, unless on one of the obliterated insc. His seems rather new. Have not found his parents-

Am enclosing what I got from New Eng. Hist. Reg. on Mrs.B's Polk line. I went back to Lib. & checked again- tho' still I might be wrong.(enc.)

One of the nicest finds was Mary Jane Hopkins Bradford's Will. Enclosed abstract. Her motherinlaw Elizabeth lived about 2 or 3 years longer. Her settlement is given.

The only record here that I find of Armistead B.B. is on his father's tomb. is birth date. He must have predeceased his wife, but where?

Mary Jane H.B. had a son James Cowden (Mr. B's uncle) and a James Cowden married Annie Bradford in 1816- as I see it, the name came in there.

Tombstones show that James Bisland's wife was Mary King. (enc.) and this J.C.B.II, living, is doubly kin- his mother having been Leonora (Nellie) Bisland.

Am sending a Chart, which may have errors- but the graphic form is always a help, as you so well know, to identifying references.

I have enjoyed this search- would like to dig further, but other work impinges.

Yours very sincerely,
Caroline Q. Crockett,
Mrs. S.S.Crockett

The Tombstone Inscriptions, as you will see, were most helpful - and nowhere else did I find those dates -

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Mrs. Crockett to Miss vanRenselaer, Apr. 29, 1954

REFERENCES- Index to Reference sheets.

BRADFORD and RELATED FAMILIES
of Va. N.C. and Tennessee

1. Tombstone Inscription - Capt. John Bradford, City Cem., Nashville. Quotes from a Bradford Family Book.

2. Tombstone Inscriptions, Bradford lot, Mt. Olivet Cem., Nashville.

3. Excerpts from Obituary of Mr. James C. Bradford and Excerpts from a Memorial Address before Va. Hist. Society.

4. Some Gleanings from Miss. Hist. Reg. RE Bisland.

5. Abstracted Will of Mary Jane Hopkins, wife of Armstead B. Bradford.

6. Some Davidson Co. Marriage Records-- Bradford. Census Reports.

7. Green descent of Martha Wills Green, wife of John Hopkins

8. Filmer Line- branching from ~~Wixix~~ Green.

9. POLK Line, from New England Historical Register.

10. Donelson Line of Mary Ann Eastin, wife of Lucius J. Polk.

11. Abstract of Will of Col. Thomas Sprot, Anson Co. N.C. 1757. Father of Susannah Sprot, wife of Gen. Thomas Polk.

12. CHART

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References in re Bradford and related families: REFERENCE PAGES-- # 1
Mrs. Crockett to Miss van Renselaer.

Old City Cemetery
Nashville, Tenn.

The HUME LOT. At the north end, tomb of Rev. William Hume, & wife.
At the south end, tomb of Captain John Bradford. & wife.
In between, Louisa Bradford Hume, Alfred Hume, her husband and their children.

Inscription on slab of large "box" tomb (Bradford)

A Revolutionary Soldier of 1776
Captain John Bradford
born, May 14, 1762, and departed this life
Jan. 27, 1827

Elizabeth Blackwell, wife of Capt. John Bradford
June 27, 1767- Apr. 24, 1837

Children of Capt. John Bradford and his wife
Elizabeth Blackwell
Parents of Mrs. Alfred Hume

Ann, born 1786
Elizabeth, born 1788
Armistead Blackwell, born, 1789.
John Alexander, born 1791
Hiram, born 1793
Judith, born 1795
Robert, born 1797
William Ashton, born 1800
Frederick, born, 1805
Evalina Matilda, born 1807
Louisa Harner, born 1811
Mary Margaret, born 1813.

A small volume, "The Bradfords of Va. & Their Kin" by N.R.White
p-33

John Bradford, son of Alexander Bradford & Jemima Jones, & grandson of John Bradford and his wife (dau. of John Marr) married Elizabeth Blackwell Apr. 1, 1795, Fauquier Co. Va. He was a private in the Rev. War, discharged 1777. He was the 5th of 9 children of Alexander Bradford and Jemima Jones.

Alexander Bradford was a Lieut. in Rev. War, of Fauquier Militia. He married 1750 Jemima Jones of Madison Co. Va.
He was born 1729 and died 1785 (N.B. on another page his dates are given as 1726-1785.)

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Bradford Tombstones
for Miss van Renselaer

Ref.p- # 2

Mount Olivet Cemetery
Nashville, Tenn.

Bradford Lot. Monument in Center- Markers at Graves. (comparatively recent.)

James Cowden Bradford
Son of
Susannah E. Bisland
and Thomas H. Bradford
Born Sept. 16, 1853
Died May 15, 1914

Sarah Polk Bradford
Born Oct. ~~16, 1830~~ 1860
Died ~~Dec. 27, 1938~~ 1938
Dec. 27, 1938

Thomas Hopkins Bradford
son of
Armstead Blackwell Bradford
and
Mary Jane Hopkins
Born in Davidson Co. Tenn.
August 1st, 1827
Died Dec. 2, 1889

Susannah E. Bradford
Daughter of
James Bisland
and
Mary King
Born in Natchez Miss.
July 15, 1831
Died in Nashville
Jan. 19, 1904

J.Alexander Bisland
son of
James Bisland
and
Mary King
Born Nov. 1, 1826
Died Nov. 6 1886

Alexander B. Bradford
son of Thos. H. and
Susannah Bradford
1854-1892

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Newspaper Notice
Death Mr. J.C.Bradford.

Ref. p-# 3

"The Nashville Tennesseean" Friday May 15, 1914

Died at 12;30 o'clock this morning, Mr. James C. Bradford, in the 62nd year of his age.---

He had been in poor health for some time---

Mr. Bradford is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Polk Jones Bradford, a son, Thomas Henry Bradford and a daughter, Mrs. Alfred T.Shaughnessy of Montreal.

Mr. Bradford was born on his father's plantation in Miss. His father, an officer in the Confederate Army, moved to Texas after the close of the War, where Mr. Bradford spent much of his young life. While yet young, he moved to Nashville with his Mother----
He had only one brother Alexander Bradford--- who died several years ago. Mr. Bradford was writing an autobiography at the time of his death.

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
Vol. 23, p-XVI
Annual Meeting of the Va. Hist. Soc.
Necrology:
A Tribute to a deceased member- James C. Bradford of Nashville, Tenn. by W.Gordon McCabe, President:

(Excerpts) Mr. Bradford's father was a rich cotton planter of Miss. His mother,Susannah Bisland,of an old Miss. family.

His father, an officer in the Confederate Army, was financially ruined by the results of the Civil War, removed from Miss. to Texas with his family. J.C. went to school and worked in Texas as a youth, and for a while taught school in La. When he came to "the old home nest" of his people at Nashville, read law with Gen Thruston and became one of Tennessee's most prominent and respected lawyers. ---- (Eulogy of Mr. Bradford as a man and lawyer-)

He had a special interest in Education-- made a great contribution to the George Peabody College for Teachers-- as a member of its Board------

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for Miss F. van Renselaer, 149 E. 73d St. N.Y. Apr. 15, 1954

Ref. p-5

Davidson Co. Tenn.
W.B.10, 1832-36- p-575

Will of Mary Jane Bradford (non-cuputative)

Proved JulySession, 1835; Recorded Aug. 25, 1835.

Art. 1st My Mother-in-law, Elizabeth Bradford to take charge of my children, as long as she lives. Several bequests to Elizabeth Bradford.

2. Bequests to Elizabeth Bradford.

3. Bequests to Miss Evelina Bradford.

4. Bequest to Louisa H.Hume.

5. Bequest to Mary M. Bradford.

6. Robert Bradford to remain on farm rest of this year.

7. Son Thomas to be educated by Alfred Hume.

8. F.Bradford to take charge of son James Cowden when old enough to place at school.

9. Daughter Martha to be reared by Aunts.

10. Servant Lucy to wait on children.

11. Servant Silvey to be sent to my plantation in JEFFERSON CO. MISS.

Proved by the oaths of Frederick Bradford and Polly Terry to be the non-cuputative Will of Mary Jane Bradford.

Note by copyist-- Mrs. S.S.Crockett, Nashville, Apr. 14, 1954-
The testator left off numbering the bequests after the 7th.

A Codicil:

" I desire that the real estate that I own in this County should be leased for12, 13, or 14 years and my servants, Anderson,Sidney and Charlotte,if she desires to remain in this county, should be hired out to the person or persons who live on or rent the land, for the benefit of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradford."

Davidson Co. Tenn., W.B.11, p-63-June 3, 1838/11Aug. 1839- 20 Mch. 1840- Mrs. Elizabeth Bradford's Settlement, Alfred Hume, Admr. ---"Property in Miss." -personal inv. Dr. Robert Bradford, Admr.

W.B.11, p-284- Aug. 9, 1837, Division of John Bradford's Negroes. Two of the heirs have already received land. Negroes divided among: Mary M. Bradford; Frederick Bradford; heirs of Armstead Bradford; Edward Bradford; Robert Bradford; Alfred Hume; Evalina M. Bradford; John Cowins, by his will; Elizabeth Bradford.
Signed: John Thompson, Jesse Maxwell, Edwin Smith.

[illegible] from Mrs. E.S.Crockett, Nashville, [illegible]
149 E. 73 St. New York 21 N.Y.

Ref. p-6

BRADFORD

probably mentioned in Mary Jane's will the uncle of our B.C. Mr. James

Davidson Co. Tenn.
Marriage Book I-
p- 167
James Cowden to Annie B. Bradford, May 19, 1816, Wm. Hume, VDM

p-187 Henry C. Bradford to Martha Turner, Sept. 17, 1818, by Wm. Hume, V.D.M.

p-459 Alfred Hume to Louisa H. BradfordAug. 12, 1834 by O.W.(B?) Hayes.

p-487 Robert Bradford to Eliza Hart, June 29, 1866

p-85 Thos. G/ Bradford to Chloe B.B.Thomas, June 8, 1808.

N.B. Other Bradford Marriages, seemingly not significant. and Hopkins-
NO BISLAND.

p-145 Hugh Bradford to Peggy Harrison, Dec. 24, 1812.

p-132- John Bradford to Elizabeth K. Evans, Oct. 25, 1813.

p-215 George Bradgord to Sophia Nov. 1, 1819 (seems another family)

Census of 1820, Davidson Co. Tenn.

p-10- Bradford, John p-45

p-50 Simon Bradford

Clayton's History of Davidson Co.
p-50
Inhabitants of Davidson Co . 1787

	polls
Henry Bradford	(2)

GREEN

Ref:"Ewing Genealogy" p-132 et seq.

I
Thomas Green (Emigrant)
Martha

II
Thomas Green, "the Sea Gull"
Martha Filmer

III
Thos. Green,1665-1730
Elizabeth Marston, m. ca 1712

IV
Thos. Marston Green,1723-1805(d. Jefferson Co. Miss.)
Martha Wills, m.1752

V
Thos. Marston Green, 1758-1812
Martha Kirkland , m. 1780

VI
Martha Wills Green
John Hopkins

VI
Mary Jane Hopkins, d. Davidson Co. Tenn. 1835 (Will)
Armistead Bradford, b. 1789 (father's tomb)

VII
Thomas Hopkins Bradford,1827-1889 (Tombstone)
Susanna E. Bisland , 1831-1904 "

VIII
James Cowden Bradford 1953-1914- (Tombstone
Sarah Polk Jones 1860- 1938

IX
Sarah Polk Bradford

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FILMER

Robert Filmer of East Sutton, Kent. England,(1525-1585)
Frances Chester, dau. Sir Robert Chester

II
Sir Edward Filmer,Sheriff,Kent, 1615 (1566-1629)
Elizabeth Argall,sister Gov. of Va. Samuel Argall,d.1638(wi

III
Major Henry Filmer,b. Kent,Eng., d. Warwick Co. Va.
Burgess,James City Co. 1642-43;1666-67
Mar. "Elizabeth" or "Martha" (I incline to Martha,C.)

IV
Martha Filmer, born in Va.
Thomas Green, "The Sea Gull".

Ref. Kentish Genealogies
Mackenzie's Colonial Families of U.S. vol IV, p-~~152~~.172
24 V 159
The Filson Club Pub. #14 The Clay Genealogy.

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Tenn. State Library

New England Historical & Genealogical Register
vol. 77, p-134

The Polk Family of North Carolina and Tennessee
by Frank M. Angelotti , San Rafael, Calif.

1. Capt. Robert[1] Pollock (Polk) came from Donegal Ireland, 1672-1680
had grants of land in Somerset Co. Md.
Magdalen Tasker

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2. William[2] Polk (Robert[1]) prob. b. I'd, ca 1664
d. ca late in 1739, will pr. Feb. 1739
m. 1, Nancy (Knox) Owens, wid., sister 2nd wife of his brother John Polk.
Lived at "White Hill", Eastern Shore of Md.

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3. William[3] Polk (Wm.[2], Robert[1]), b. Md. ca 1700
d. N.C. 1753
Margaret Taylor who survived him.

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4. Brig. Gen. Thomas[4] Polk (Wm.[3], Wm.[2], Robert[1]) (Gen. Thos. Polk, was
b. Cumberland Co. Pa. ca 1730 Signer Meck. N.C. DEC. IND.
d. Charlotte, N.C. 20 June, 1794.
m. 1755 ~~Susanna Sprot~~, (dau. Col. Thos. ~~Sprat~~ Sprot, will Anson Co. 1757)

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5. Lt. Col. Wm. Polk[5] ((Thos.[4], Wm.[3], Wm.[2], Robert[1])
B. Mecklenburg Co. N.C. 1758
D. Raleigh, N.C., 4 Jan. 1834, buried there.
M. 1st ~~Susan~~ Gilchrist, Griselda,
2nd, Sarah Hawkins, at Raleigh. m. 1 Jan. 1801
b. Warren Co. N.C. ~~1781~~ dau. Philemon Hawkins
d. at Raleigh, 10 Dec. 1843. & Lucy Davis, his wife

-252 son of 2nd wife

6. Hon. Lucius Junius[6] Polk (Wm.[5] Thos.[4], Wm.[3], Wm.[2], Robert[1])
B. Raleigh, N.C. 16 Mch. 1802
DD. 3 Oct. 1870, Maury Co. Tenn., buried St. John's Churchyard.
M. in White House 10 Apr. 1832
Mary Ann Eastin, dau. Wm. Eastin & his wife Rachel Donelson (d. John D-Jr.
B. D. 1 Aug. 1847

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7. Sarah Rachel[7] Polk (Lucius J.[6], Wm.[5], Thos.[4], Wm.[3], Wm.[2], Robert[1])
B. 24 Jan. 1833, Hamilton Place, Maury Co. Tenn.
D. 12 June 1905 at Nashville. buried at St. John's Graveyard, Maury C
m. 24 Apr 1855 Robin ap Cadwallader Jones, b. 18 June, 1826, N.C.
Col. CSA, killed in Battle 4 June, 1863.
son of Col. Cadwallader Jones & Rebecca Edwards, his
Moved from Orange Co. N.C. to York Dist. S.C. (wife.
1850

8. Sarah Polk[8] Jones, b. Hillsboro, N.C. 10 Oct. 1860 (Sarah[7] R., L. J.[8], Wm.[5]
m. Nashville, 27 June, 1888 (Thos.[4] Wm.[3] Wm.[2] Robert[1].)
James C. Bradford

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DONELSON

Ref:

I

Col. John Donelson
B. in Va. 1718
Killed near No. bank Barren River, Ky., 1785
Mar. in Accomac Co. Va., date unknown
Rachel Stockley
B. in Va. 1715, D. (near here) 1794

A Memorial Stone in the Church-yard, "Hermitage" Pres. Ch. Davidson Co. Te

Clayton's Hist. Dav. Co p-134 et seq.

II

Ref: W & M Qr. VII-56

Capt. John Donelson
B Accomac Co. Va. Apr. 7, 1755
D. Apr. 21, 1850, Davidson Co. Tenn.
Mar. in Pittsylvania Co. Va. 8-17-1779
* Mary Purnell, consent Mary Purnell
B. 5-18-1763, Md.; d. 11-16-1848, Davidson Co. Tenn.

Tombstone Inscription Hermitage Pres. Ch.

Pittsylvania Mar. Bonds. Hist. Pitts Co. (Clement) p15 7 W(1) p-56

III

Rachel Donelson (6th child- Clayton, p-137)
B. Dvidson Co. Tenn., 7-10-1791
M. William Eastin

IV

Mary Ann Eastin
B 5-25-1810
D. 8-1-1847
M. 4-10-1832
Lucius Junius Polk

* Mrs. Mary Purnell came on "The Adventure" with the Donelsons to the Cumberland Settlements in 1780. She was said to be of "Snow Hill" Md. and her husband was named CHESEL- The John Donelson Jr.'s named their 1st child Chesel. He d. inf. They named a 2nd child Chesel, & he also d.y.

A Note Tenn. Archives: Mary Purnell was a daughter of Chesel Purnel of Snow Hill Md. She m. Capt. John Donelson in Pittsylvania Co. Va., 1779

Rachel Stockley, wife of Col. John Donelson, was a daughter of Alexander Stockley of Accomac Co. Va. and Rachel Benson, his wife.

Hermitage Churchyard, Davidson Co. Tenn.
William Eastin (Beside graves of wife's parents- but no stone was seen
1784-1829 for the wife- Rachel, dau. Capt. J.D. & Mary Purnell his wife.

Davidson Co. Mar. B'k 1, p-98
William Eastin to Rachel Donelson, Oct. 2, 1809

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Rachel Eastin, wife of Dr. R.O. Currey
Born Nov. 11, 1923, died in Nashville, Nov. 21, 1865

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SPROT

Grimes Abstracts of N.C.Wills
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Sprot,Thomas, Anson Co.
Jan. 15, 1757
Daughters: Mary and Ann Barnett
Jack Neel
Martha Sprot
Sons: Thomas Sprot
John Clark

Executors:
Andrew Sprot
Thomas Polk

Witnesses:
Wm. Barnett
Jas. Sprot
Jas. Campbell

No probate

MRS. CHARLES L. SARRAZIN
2437 MEDFORD COURT - EAST
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

into the family of Alexander Farrar(whom I am certain was the son of GEORGE Farrar of Va. who disappeared from a certain county around Hite's water Mill at about the time he was scalped by the Indians just before reaching Natchez, and this of the Peter Field- Jefferson line and the Farrar family of Va.) But BOTH these men served on Marion's Staff in the Revolution but both held Royal Commissions from English Crown BEFORE the Revolution and both served in the EARLY Cherokee wars. I was quoted a date for the Cherokee war as being AFTER the Rev. Well certainly, but they began VERY early in South Carolina. This man, Capt. James Ford, belonged to my cousin, Mrs. Hardy J. Wilson, nee Mary Elizabeth Fairly, and she wanted him! After MUCH doing the claim was granted and Mrs. Pell congratulated me!

I will certainly be glad to have the old charts back. I felt as if the C.D.'s had degenerated when I saw these dinky charts. Right now I have a friend in South Carolina with marvellous lines whom we put up in the Jackson Chapter on the Capt. Edward Waters line. It is one of the OLDEST in S.C. Yesterday I had a letter from my friend muchly disturbed because AFTER going through the ordeal of getting a birth certificate- you know no one OUR age in the south has a birth certificate- they only began about 1910 giving them out, and NO ONE IN S.C. had a marriage LISCENSE until 1910 as the state did NOT require it until then- well anyway Mrs. Randolph wants PROOF now of the generations of her MOTHER and FATHER and of her parents. More troulbe and Confusion, when ANY CENSUS will give this, and so does HER birth certificate which she finally got together after MUCH EFFORT, for her parents. There are wills and published material for the grandparents in the Hist. of Newberry Co. S.C. by Summers. I will have to take more TIME now and get this to-gether. The line has been passed by both D.A.R. and D.A.C. Huguenot Society already, though I know now, they do not wish to accept anything like this. I believe in PROOF, but I do NOT believe in making it SO HARD to join anmorganization, nor so expensive that many persons will not want to bother.

I cannot seem to make up my mind about going with Mrs. Wilson to England and Scotland, but may. She will sail July 14 from N.Y. If I go I may fly. May not be able to get a reservation with Mrs. Wilson as the bookings are scarce as you know.

I will spend the rest of the day getting the material I have in shape and send you either this after noon late or early tomorrow morning. I hope it will help and that it will not reach you too late. Let me know if you wish me to keep on digging regarding the wife of James. You will note one wife was named Abigail, of ONE James. Fortunately there are some dates to go by and guide me now! I even have the ~~xxxxx~~ marriage of Sussannah E. Bisland and Mr. Bradford in my Green notes. Have a friend in Independence Missouri, who is a Mississippi woman, who descends from this Green family, and the past President of Chapter VI, Alma Buchanan, descended from Thomas Cato West, who married the

daughter of Col. Thomas Marston Green the 2ND time. His son ~~Ite~~ Cato West Jr., however was the son of a first marriage to Miss Winn, whose family were in S.C. with the Green's and Cato West prior to coming to the Natchez Country.

Col Green had another daughter who married Gen Thomas Hinds. He, who led the Mississippi Dragoons at the Battle of New Orleans and so distinguished himself that Gen. Jackson said " Maj. Hinds was the admiration of one army and the despair of the other". Contrary to what Mrs. Edith Wyatt Moore says in her story of them in the Pilgrimage edition, they are NOT buried at Springfield", but at Home"Hill Plantation"in Jefferson County Miss. My father owned this plantation at the time of his passing in 1916. Later a relative owned it and changed the name to " Flower Hill." She is at Oxford University now studying and writing a book. Her son is a student at Oxford University, England, and has been for several years.

When my family owned " Home Hill " we did all we could to keep up the tomb of Gen Hinds and his wife. Afterward the graves were about to fall in. We even tried to get the Miss. Daughters of 1812 and the Miss. Legislature to do something about them and also Col. Green's as these stones were all behind " Springfield " residence, flat on the ground. Nothing has been done that I know of. Besides the wonderful correspondence of Col Thomas Marston Green and Gen Washington, Thomas Jefferson and many of the great of the Nation was all stored in the attic at Springfield. A care taker's wife undertook a cleaning of the whole place. Poured this wonderful HISTORY of our land into a WELL, and thus went the prized history of MUCH of the early history of the "Natchez Country."
My brother was for hanging the woman, he waw so disgusted!!

Well I ramble too much, but I know too much too! Right now I feel as if the Presbyterian Church and the Supreme Court of the Land had betrayed us into the hands of Russia and what have you!

Seems to me it would do just as well for them to use the Atom Bomb as to subject us to what is coming. Here in the South it will only mean more strife and hatred. It is sickening that States Rights and all that we have worked and slaved for all these years has to be thrown out as if we were of no import, but to VOTE their way!

I think I will just go to Scotland and STAY. Maybe I will be seeing you in London. Thank you for the address and name of Banker. I will let you know.

My love,

Vera T. Sanders

P.S. Upon looking this over, I dislike sending it - first, the machine did something funny; 2nd the telephone kept interrupting - forgive me, please

Court Records by J. Estelle King, but there is not a copy in this Library. She covered the wills in the four river counties (I had planned to do this about the time my husband became ill, and this was prevented. This lady came reseerching from away some place and did them)which is not fully covered in the work of Mrs. McBee. She was working mostly in the old Spanish records. L nd claims etc., Occassionally one finds a will or for some reason a record of children etc.,
Mrs. McBee lives at Greenwood Mississippi. She has done a wonderful piece of work in this last book.

I have gone through it trying to get all you need. I have also searched everything in the Library here and in my own files. I will send you a copy of all of what I have.

Fortunately I have the cemetary records that cover the early Bislands. I regret that there are no dates visible now for John and Susannah Bisland. There never seemed to be any dates, for them.

I am glad I could straighten out WHO Susannah Bisland really was. Mrs. Edith Wyatt Moore, who is now considered an authority on the OLD Natchez families, though a new comer to N tchez, says in her Pilgrimage Edition of the Natchez Democrat, that Susannah Bisland was the"daughter of Col. Jonothan Rucker, a Revolutionary soldier." Knowing Mrs. Moore and her work too, I found that Susannah Rucker Bisland was the daughter of Peter ~~Bisland~~ Rucker and his first wife, Elizabeth Terrill His second wife was the daughter of Daniel Perry who came from Va. along with Alexander Farrar. The latter was a lad, accompanied by his parents, a sister Rhoda, brother George, and an infant of his parents. All were scalped by the Indians, except Alexander, Rhoda and GEORGE. They were taken in by the Perry's who had reached Natchez a bit earlier than did the Farrar's. This was 1769. George Farrar died at the ~~Rucker~~ Perry home and Rhoda md a Starby. No descendants. Alexander married Jane Davis and grew to be a very wealthy and influential citizen of the Natchez country. Two of his children married into my Buckholts(Buckels and Currie family. This Rucker item from my Farrar file and handed donw in a Mss in that family. Daniel ~~Rucker~~ Perry is of record in Mrs. McBee's book.

As I started to say: Knowing Mrs. Moore personally, and also her work, I am a bit surprised to find her in error on this point. If you still wish more work on this line, after seeing what I am sending, it was she to whom I meant to write next. You see, I still have not found out whom James md as there are no Cowdin records available to me here.

I suspect that the Cowdin name is not directly Natchez, nor is the Witherspoon, though ORIGINALLY coming through there to the West Florida's. After the cutting of the large COUNTY THAT was AMITE, these families are found in the present Amite and in Franklin County, cut partly from Amite, and asjoining my native county of Jefferson.

The History of Amite County Mississippi, published a while back in two volumes, by Casey and Otkin, shows Witherspoon and one family of Cowdin in Amite. Franklin shows Witherspoon.

Am posting the Mss to you this afternoon. I hope it reaches you in time. I wanted to see if I could find anything on Elizabeth Terrill's family, wife of John Rucker. If I do, will send. I imagine you are in a hurry for this. The delay has been NATCHEX. I yet have not had a reply. Then this book Miss. Ct. Rec. McBee was on order both by me and the local Library. The Library got theirs first. Mine has not come so I used theirs. Another delay! J.F.S.

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Dear Miss Florence;

I have waited to send a report on the Bisland family connection, hoping to have some further data from Mount Repose. I have not received anything to date, and am going on with what I have from my own files and from some time spent in the Library here.

This Library is deficient on Mississippi material. I was so sorry your letter had not come a bit sooner as I was in Jackson and worked a bit in the Department of Archives and History and was also very near to the " Natchez Country".

You know I grew up within a stones throw of "Mount Repose" and "Springfield" too. As a girl my group of friends had houseparties at Springfield. I have been there many times. While the place did belong to the Green family, this house, contrary to what has been published over and over again, was not yet built when Andrew Jackson married Rachel Robards. They were married by Col. Thomas Marston Green it is generally conceded, but there is nothing extant to prove it so far.

It has given me particular pleasure to assist you with this story from the " Natchez Country". The whole story is interwoven with the settlers on the "Mandamus Grant" which was granted by the British Crown to Col. Amos Ogden, who in turn sold 19, 000 acres of the original 25,000 acres to the two brothers Samuel and Richard Swazey from New Jersey. The Farrar's are interwoven with the Swazey's and the King's who also were of the Mandamus Grant. My family connections run into the Farrar family. The King, Trimble, Gibson, Smylie, all runs into my McPherson line, and while I have a lot of data from all through the four "river counties" (Adams, Jefferson- my native county- Claiborne and Warren- which is Vicksburg) I still do not have it all.

The Bisland family tied in with the Smylie, King, Swazey and other families, including the Witherspoon, which also ties with Davidson, which ties again with the Green family. Davidson comes from the same family as does my son in law, Jerry Winslow Davidson of North Carolina.

I have been working on this data for you ever since I got your letter. I have used a new book, not long off the press, by May Wilson McBee called " Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805" The May Wilson McBee Collections, Vol. II. You know she has done one on Anson Co. N.C. that was Vol. I.

I would like to have had the use of the Natchez

I will send you one of my copies of the Pilgrimage edition of the Natchez paper. Perhaps Lady Legh would like to have a copy. I will send her a picture of Pine Rudge Church for you will see(If she would like it) in my report that " John and Susannah Bisland" along with the Grafton's are names found on the bronze plack in the church to-day, as founders of the church.

The grave stone inscriptions I just happened to have in my files. I took them when I was searcing on another line from over there FIELD(THOS. JEFFERSON line) and Hamilton, some years ago. I got these records in the Miss. Dept. Ar. & Hist. at Jackson. They were compiled by the Natchez Chapter of D.A.R.

The only time I have found JAMES BISLAND'S name is in the Minutes of the Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church where it was stated that William Bisland donated $ 1000.00 and JAMES Bisland, $ 500.00 toward the building of an"institution of learning" Old Oakland College- a Presbyterian school located in Claiborne County, where as Claiborne the historian puts it " the flower of young manhood from this state and those bordering it, went to school prior to the Civil war." My grandfather Fairly among them! Chamberlain-Hunt at Port Gibson Mississippi has the charter of Oakland to-day. NEGROES go to school at Oakland, which was confiscated by the Federal Gov't after the Civil War. The old Chaptel is a gem of Greek RevivalArchitecture. However there were academies and GOOD schools all around Natchez from Washington, the Capitol of of the Territory, to 2nd Creek, the seat of MUCH wealth and culture.

You will note in the story given in the Pilgrimage edition of the Natchez papers that many of these old families came there from about New York, Conneticut, New Jersey etc.,

I meant to say up there farther back in my story that when a cyclone tore away the Pine Ridge Church in 1908 it was Mr. Presley Bisland of NEW YORK who did much to aid in its restoration.

You will note in the story of Mount Repose the name of Alexander McCauley, who came from Scotland to visit at Mount Repose. He was a nephew* I say Mt. Repose, it was probably the home of JOHN Bisland, for his son William built Mt. Repose.Anyway, in the cemetary notes I am sending you, is his tomb stone record!

Miss Florence I am ~~annoyed~~ with Mrs. Randolph. Perhaps she is doing what she has been instructed to do, but there is common sence in everything, even genealogy.

I had to almost fight with her and Mrs. Pell to get them to pass Capt James Ford whose record in the Cherokee Wars in S.C. was as plain as the nose on ones face! Even sent a pamphlet done by S.C.'s most outstanding genealogist to-day, on the men who served in the COLONIAL WARS. There his name was, and plainly so. They wrote me back " that patriot " was a term associated with the Revolution and that Col George Gabriel Powell, the commanding officer of Capt. James Ford was a Rev. figure." SO HE WAS, but so was my Major Abram Buckholts(he who came to the Natchez Country after the Revolution whose son and daughter married

Dunbar Rowland's Heart of the South might yield more of the Bisland's. There are three Volumes. Vol. 1. the colonial history of the Natchez Country. Sorry I do not have it here. J.F.S.

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Memoris of Mississippi, by Goodspeed- Chicago, 1890 may give some of these people. While it is not considered too accurate, it is the best thing offered so far, as to genealogy of some of the old families. I know of plenty of errors however. My family in Mississippi have the two volumes and I can find out, but need more time, which I know, you are short on, just now.

I have a copy of Claiborne's Mississippi History and also " The Introduction of Protestantism into Mississippi and the Southwest " by J.G. Jones , both rare books, in my own Library, neither of them touch on these families of interest on the Bisland chart. I remember this old man when I was a very small child. He was a Methodist preacher and descended from many of these old families early into Natchez.

From every source I have, and from my files I have pieced to-gether this picture for you as best I could. With MORE TIME I feel I could make it as perfect as is possible.

Cowden or Cowdin is a Vicksburg name.

GRAFTON is a PINE RIDGE name as is the Bisland. I have a picture of the old Presbyterian Church at Pine Ridge founded by the Grafton and Bisland families, with others in 1807. I have often been there and went to this church and cemetary just a year ago this past Easter. I have a bit about a service conducted there in 1931 by Dr. Cornelius W. Grafton, a descendant of one of the founders of Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church. Dr. Grafton was for more than sixty years the Pastor at Union Church where my Fairly family settled when they came to the Natchez Country from North Carolina. He buried three generations of my family and married four, on both sides, I and my husband among them. He was the beloved Patroch of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Offered every honor the church afforded, he remained in the little church where he first began his ministry. Moderator of the General Assembly at Orlanda Florida in 1916, he chose to give his church history in his address. He began in the pulpit but wound up down in the center of the church sanctuary, with the assemblage crowded around him! In this address he tells about going to Vicksburg in 1916 to perform a wedding ceremony, accompanied by the venerable grandparents of the bride, and of looking into her face and recalling the ceremony performed more than twenty five years before, of her parents. THAT was my sister Margaret Stanley Fairly. I was the maid of honor!

I could write on and on about Pine Ridge, and ALL of these old families. I could talk forever about the " Natchez Country" and NEVER say it all.